City of Greenfield, Massachusetts

Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)

Minutes for Thursday, 4/26/2018, 5:00-6:30pm

Meeting Called to Order 5pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, Mike Pattavina, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, Tara Kurland, Carole Collins Guests: Peg Hall, MJ Adams

Minutes: Mike made a motion to approve the 2/22/2018 minutes. George seconded. Jay, Carole and Tara abstained, all others approved. Motion passed.

100% Renewables Resolution: Nancy and Peg Hall asked committee to vote to support the Town Council adoption of this Resolution (see attached). The resolution calls for the transition to 100% renewable energy and a fossil fuel free future, highlighting the leadership role Greenfield has taken on this front, and the environmental and economic benefits of the goal. It was modified from a resolution passed by Northampton, and a template provided by Mass Power Forward. Mike suggested adding how this aligns with state goals, and Nancy agreed. Mike made a motion recommending adoption of the resolution to Town Council, Tara seconded. Nancy abstained, all others voted in favor. Motion passed. The resolution will hopefully go to the May Committee Chairs meeting and to the full council by June.

Panel Discussion on Transportation and Recreation follow-up: Based on evaluations from audience, there was positive feedback on the constructive tone and two-way interaction. Future Topics of interest included Healthy Lifestyles, Local Food, Creative Economy (see attached).

Next Panel Discussion is on Energy and Land Use- Scheduled for May 17th at the John Zon Community Center – 6:30-8pm. Nancy will be moderator, Carole and Eric will present. Snacks will be provided. George has a planning board meeting, so can't make it. He will explore whether the Planning Board can join the event and shift their meeting. Nancy asked if additional Future topics should be added to the evaluation and ideas put forth included Recycling /solid waste/composting, Education, Economic development. We will not have our regularly scheduled meeting in May.

My Turn – Housing MJ Adams provided a draft of her Housing My Turn. There was lots of positive feedback. Additional edits/feedback can be submitted to her via email. She plans to check in with Mayor then submit it on behalf of the SGIC.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – State program to address the effects of climate change. Increased amount of money available this year, for both planning and implementation grants. May 11th is the planning grant deadline, and project would need to be completed by next June. The Town likely doesn't have the resources to take this on. MJ suggested a regional approach, as an increase in flow in the Deerfield River would be a predominant climate change impact. There is hope that FRCOG might take the lead on a regional approach.

Next meeting is June 28th- Agenda items: panel discussion follow-up, Plan for next year, solid waste; what our committee can recommend for Transfer Station, MRPF money use, etc. We will check via email/doodle on summer availability to clarify if quorum will be achievable during the summer.

ADA transition plan Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (Patricia Mullin, Will Sekula) presented on plans and progress for an updated ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, funded by a Mass Office of Disability grant. Completed tasks:

- Map of sidewalks, with condition and usage, location of curb cuts
 - o Specific concern from George: Apex curb cuts which are diagonally facing can be dangerous
- Assessment of Town Buildings and schools
- Parks and parking lots still in progress

Timeline for completion: In Mid-May a final report will be made available to the public. It will be presented on Wednesday June 20th, 5pm at the High School, so the public can weigh in on prioritizing projects.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, Nancy seconded, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm